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32 Wilmington St.  
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Dear Dr Gray.

I can hardly thank you for your kindly interest and practical methods of erasing it in my behalf. Some things cannot be adequately expressed by words, and this is one of them. I hope time may bring the opportunity to enable me by deeds to express my lively gratitude.

One of the books you mention "~~Botany~~" "Treasury of Botany" my people have, and is accessible to me. Being wholly without synopsis or analyses - or in fact any scientific arrangement - it becomes a mere alphabetical catalogue - without giving me a chance to correct its infinite

I've to add that Greuss notes to me on *Lycopodium* - were probably not written with the idea in view that I would communicate the substance to yourself.

W. S. L.

misnomers that gardeners have for many of their plants - I hope for better things from the French books or even "the antiquated" text-book. You have hesitated - for though not foolish enough to "wager" - I am certain that it will contain some method never mind how general and restricted - otherwise it could not have emanated from the source whence it came.

Greene has had collected on Sta Cruz Island a new *Synedon* *L. asplenifolia*. Greene - Thinks the genus will not stand - says it is only a  $\varnothing$  of *Bauquelinia*! which would throw it back again to the Roales! He sent me a minute scrap - and it is though!

Specifically well marked undoubtedly a comparison of my tree - the vice perhaps as "hypnotism" - but I wish the genus out of time at a later date - wants to let me down easy etc. I think is less afraid of visiting my designs - than of your returns - although would learn the impression on my mind that - the former consideration were the greater - as if gardeners had feelings! However I have said over & again and am in haste of receiving dirty - silly motions needs - and then will at once (but - you in position to extend or withdraw - as the case requires) - I am sure my thanks and will remember to Mr Gray. I hope myself well. Yours - W. S. Lynn